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On October 30, Ambassador Kamen Velichkov, Head of MFA's UN and Global Issues Department, said in response to reftels that the GOB will follow the EU consensus on the resolutions and anti-Israeli UN institutions. Predicting that "this will not be the year of change," Velichkov said the EU will likely repeat last year's pattern and vote against the Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices, while abstaining on the Committee of Inalienable Rights and Division of Palestinian Rights. He added that the final decision will be taken in early November in New York at an informal meeting of EU representatives.

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